## **Climate Policies**

Presentation to CB8 Environment Committee
April 27, 2023



## New York City's Climate Vulnerabilities













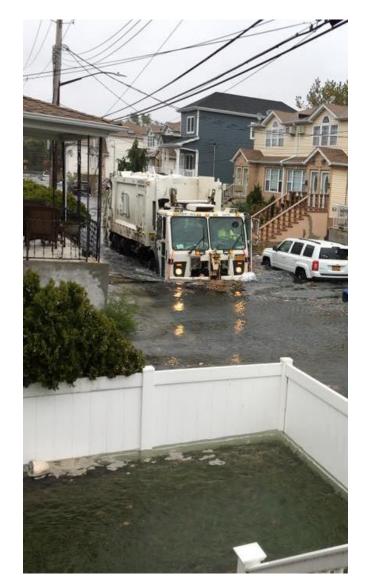


# Climate Change is an equity issue

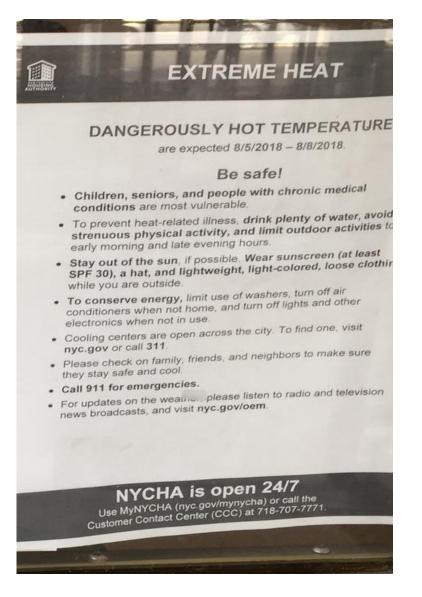
"There is a widespread awareness that the uneven distribution of climate change impacts combined with preexisting social and economic challenges makes some communities more vulnerable than others."

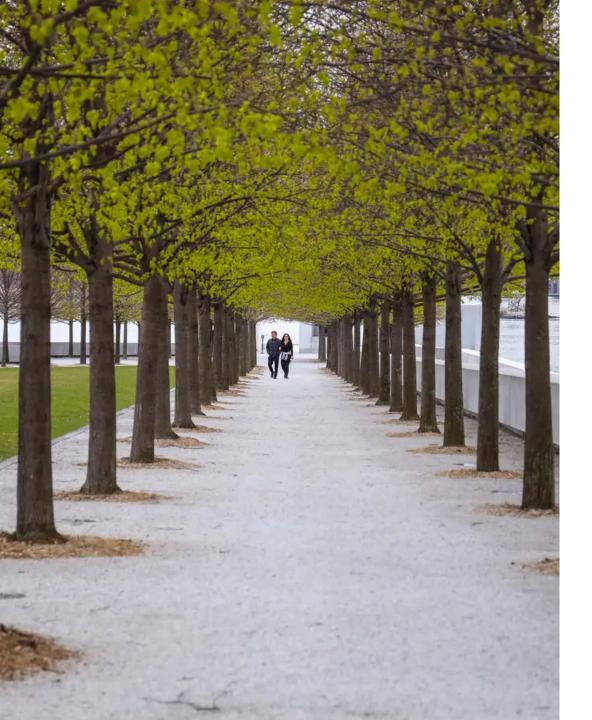
- New York City Panel on Climate Change (NPCC)

## Climate Change is already impacting City Services











### **Million More Trees**

#### Trees are a critical Green Infrastructure tool

- Beautify of communities
- Mitigate against heat
- Help manage stormwater
- Reduce airborne particulate matter
- Sequester carbon
- Make people happy *ூ*

#### New tree plantings fell to lowest level in 15 years

• 45% drop-off in number of trees planted this FY compared to last

#### The MBP is calling for a Million More Trees

- Leverage available federal & state \$
- Fund Parks at 1% of the budget
- Fund Tree Maintenance at NYCHA
- Use Public/Private Partnerships to raise \$



### A Climate Ready and Well Managed Waterfront

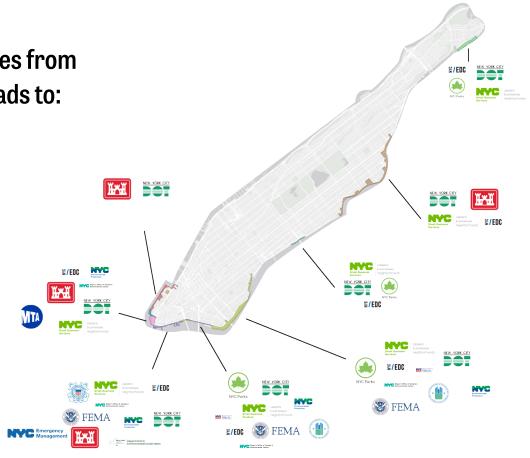
#### **Waterfront Jurisdiction Problem**

No single agency is responsible for protecting people/communities from coastal storms or rising sea levels. Lack of clear responsibility leads to:

- Delays to current coastal protection projects
- Little motivation to take on new coastal projects
- Neglect of traditional waterfront assets

#### **BP Proposal**

- Establish a new waterfront agency
  - Jurisdiction over waterfront assets
  - Responsible for maintaining marine structures
  - · Accountability to the public
- Move waterfront permitting to DOB
  - Require a waterfront code





### **9A Bike Lane**

Route 9A is dangerously overcrowded. It is one of the most heavily used bike paths in the country!

#### **BP Proposal:**

A dedicated bike lane on the West Side Highway that would separate cyclists from pedestrians

Benefits of the dedicated path

- Reduce carbon emissions
- Ease congestion on the greenway
- Minimize conflict and collisions between pedestrians, cyclists & e-bikes
- Provide a legal path for e-bikes and delivery workers





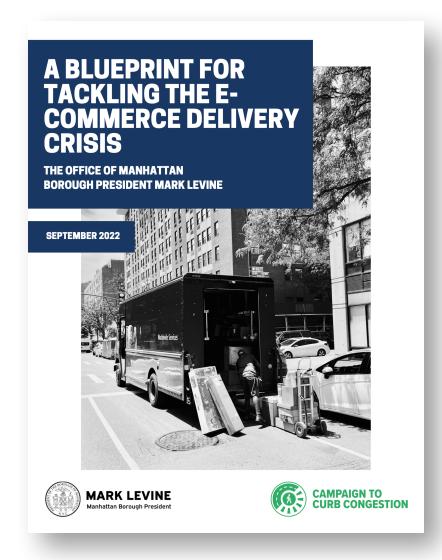
## **E-Commerce Blueprint**

2.4 million packages transported and delivered in NYC every day. Last-mile delivery contributes to:

- Congestion
- Road safety issues
- Air pollution
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Package waste

#### **BP Proposal**

- Take last-mile operations off City streets
- Ensure residential areas can meet growing demand for deliveries
- Make e-commerce deliveries more sustainable
- Better enforce traffic laws



## Other Initiatives:

- Curbside Composting
- Circularity Day
- Local Law 97 / NYC Accelerator
- FiDi Seaport Climate Coalition of Lower Manhattan









# Thank You

If you have any questions about the Borough President's Climate Policies, please contact me at tomivest@manhattanbp.nyc.gov